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## ARE WORKING FOR RICHMOND'S GOOD

### Civic Improvement League Holds Second Annual Meeting.

### HAS DONE MUCH: WILL DO FAR MORE

League Re-elects Officers and Starts Out on Third Year With Determination to Accomplish Still More—Favor Purchase of Clark Spring Property.

In the second annual meeting of the Civic Improvement League held last night in the annex of Murphy's Hotel several important suggestions were offered and adopted, and a general outline of the work for the ensuing year planned with a liberal schedule of operations. The reports of the various committees were read and approved; but the president, Mr. C. B. Cook, said in a short opening address, that the league had not accomplished by far all that it should have done towards the improvement of the city.

One of the most important things done last night was the endorsement by the league of the purchase of the Clark Spring property by Miss Grace E. Arents, to be used as a playground, and it was also suggested very strongly that the city purchase the piece of land on Cary Street, near the Madison School, which had been viewed by the committee from the blues with the view of purchasing it for the erection of an armory.

Mr. Cary, in a short speech, spoke of the desirability of having the city appropriate \$50,000 to employ an expert landscape artist to plan out the future growth of the city, which, it was pointed out, is growing more rapidly every year. A resolution was offered to that effect, and was adopted, and the matter will be laid before the Council by a committee from the league.

**Condition of Streets.**

An unexpected tilt of words came up, when Mr. Cook, of the street cleaning department, arose to explain the working of the department. He claimed that the appropriation for this work is entirely too little, and that he has not enough assistance to perform the duties of the office in a satisfactory manner. He also, in a mildly personal way, to some of the people present, saying that they had filled the alleys with the filth from their back yards, and that his work, in consequence, was very much handicapped. Mr. Cook's remarks, however, were for his size and position, the street conditions of Richmond were bad, and intimated that the Council should appoint more men in the street cleaning department. Mr. Cook explained that he had done his best, but that the fault is largely a lack of funds. He had recommended to the Council the appropriation of \$30,000 to be used for sprinkling the streets, and that the committee appointed to consider the matter had cut it in half, and that the matter is completely out of existence. With such odds, he pointed out that the people could hardly expect much to be accomplished. Mr. Cook said that he had not intended to reflect on any one, and that the matter was passed over pleasantly. But during the talk it was stated in all seriousness that the city should certainly undertake to remedy the condition that allowed the streets to be cleaned in the day, and without a sprinkle, when the people are exposed to the danger of inhaling the microbes and germs which rise from the disturbed dust.

A resolution was offered to appoint a committee of five to arrange for the celebration of the city of the Civic Improvement League and the State. This was opposed, and an amendment was offered that the league only be advertised. This was generally acceptable, as the original resolution was withdrawn and the amendment adopted.

There were many who were present in the morning, and Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Jones and Miss Minor made several interesting talks and suggestions. Miss Minor offered a resolution that the league endorse the offer of Mr. Carnegie to give \$20,000 towards a proposed library fund, and that a committee be appointed to call on the Council and make known the action of the league. The resolution met with hearty approval, and Mr. John Stewart Bryan was appointed to convey the endorsement of the meeting to the Council. Mr. Bryan was also appointed to urge upon the City Council that it sell the Clark Springs property to Miss Arents.

In the secretary's report it was shown that the league had a membership of 167, which meant that they had \$167 in the treasury.

But what was, which had been raised by popular subscription, had been spent, and there is now a balance of only \$25.50, of which must go to pay outstanding bills incurred for printing.

After the reading of this report several speakers arose and said that they hoped the league would accomplish more during the coming year, and urged that the league advertise itself and do something to double its membership. It was suggested, too, that special attention be paid to the junior leagues formed among the school children, so that they might learn in their youth the value of civic improvements in hygienic principles. Col. John Murphy offered, if the league doubled its membership during this year, to give the full rent free for all meetings.

To forward the work of the league, Mr. Cook said in his closing remarks that the league would have monthly meetings, so that the work may be done in a regular and consecutive manner and with more interest than has characterized its proceedings in the past. Mayor McCarty also made a short speech, setting forth that if the people want anything done they must do it themselves. He strongly advocated municipal ownership of all public utilities, and expressed himself in hearty accord with all that had been done and all that is intended to be done.

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August Belmont.

New Yorker, who is uniting with Thomas F. Ryan to defeat the aspirations of William Randolph Hearst.

## MRS. SHAW ILL IN LONDON HOTEL

### All Preparations for Wedding Are at Standstill For Present.

### SUFFERS WITH INFLUENZA

### Invalid Being Attended by Sisters, Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Perkins.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch and New York World.)

LONDON, April 2.—Mrs. Naunton Langhorne Shaw, Waldorf Astor's fiancée, is seriously ill with influenza, and all preparations for the wedding are at a standstill.

Mrs. Shaw has been complaining for a week past and now is confined to her room in a modest hotel off Piccadilly. The invalid is being nursed by her sisters, Mrs. Roginall Brooks and Mrs. Moncreux Perkins.

The doctors have forbidden their patient to discuss any arrangements for the wedding, and have particularly vetoed any consideration of the details of the trousseau.

Young Mr. Astor is very much distressed over his fiancée's illness and calls daily with his automobile loaded with flowers for the sick chamber.

## LOWLANDS FLOODED; DAMAGE VERY GREAT

### Hundreds of Miles Under Water

### In Alabama—Cattle Starving and People Suffering.

(By Associated Press.)

MOBILE, Ala., April 2.—The situation in the lowlands of the Alabama River and the Tombigbee River, due to the overflow of the two rivers, grows worse daily. Steamboats have been compelled to discontinue service, landings for one hundred and fifty miles above Mobile being under water. In addition, no fuel is to be had in the inundated district.

The flood has already reached proportions of the disastrous overflow of 1880, and now threatens to rival that of 1871, when the rivers reached stages never known to have been equaled before or since. Cattle are starving, farmers are fast exhausting their supplies, and because of the severe change in weather, pneumonia has appeared among cattle and other live stock.

Dixie, Alabama, over a hundred miles above Mobile, is under water several feet deep, with water still rising. Since Saturday the overflow has extended about fifty miles. Only one or two losses of human life have been reported so far.

## PRAY THAT CARNEGIE WILL GIVE LIBERALLY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ATLANTA, Ga., April 2.—At a meeting of the Ministers' Evangelical Association of Atlanta today, it was decided to pray that the purse strings of Andrew Carnegie may be loosened during his coming visit to Atlanta. The resolution was offered after an appeal for aid for the International Medical Missionary College.

"Mr. Carnegie is very wealthy," said Rev. T. P. Cleveland, who offered the resolution. "I believe in the efficacy of prayer and hope our united petitions may have the effect of inducing Mr. Carnegie to give liberally to missions when he comes here."

## Davis Elected.

(By Associated Press.)

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., April 2.—Unofficial returns from every county in the State show that Governor Jefferson Davis defeated Senator Berry by about 10,000 majority for the nomination for United States Senator in last week's primary election.

## MASSACHUSETTS WILL JOIN IN CELEBRATION

Joint Legislative Committee Unanimous for Participation in Jamestown Exposition.

(By Associated Press.)

BOSTON, April 2.—The verdict of the Joint Legislative Committee on Ways and Means is unanimous in favor of participating in the part of Massachusetts in the Jamestown Exposition, to be held in Virginia next year. After the adjournment of the Legislature, to-day, the committee met in executive session and agreed to report the bill to the Legislature to-morrow.

The colored citizens of the State had vigorously opposed participation in the exposition on the ground that colored visitors to the fair would be subjected to unpleasant discrimination.

## Furr Confirmed.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the nomination of J. H. Furr as postmaster at Waynesboro, Va.

## RYAN AND BELMONT TO FIGHT HEARST

### Signify Willingness To Put Up Money For "Conservatives."

### BITTER STRUGGLE IN PARTY COMING

### Promotion of Barnes Causes Storm in National Capital.

### Appointment May Be Delayed and Defeated—Matters Before Congress.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 2.—August Belmont, member of the executive committee of the Democratic National Committee, has been here several days. Mr. Belmont does not come often to Washington, and while his stable is at the Denning track during the spring meet, which is now in progress, it is not believed that racing matters are all that brought him over to the national capital at this time. His horses are winning money this season, and he is naturally interested, but he found time Saturday to spend an hour or more with the President.

Only two men know what was discussed at the conference. One of the two will tell some day, but so far as known, the President has not indicated to any one the subject of his talk with Mr. Belmont. To re-elect "Conservatives."

It is currently reported that Mr. Belmont and Mr. Thomas F. Ryan have signified their willingness to give money this fall to secure the re-election to Congress of the "conservative" Democrats who are now in that body, and that they will render financial assistance in the campaigns of "conservative" Democrats who seek to win seats in districts now Republican. But they are reported to have said outright that not a penny of theirs is to be used in the canvass of a Democratic congressional candidate who is one of Mr. Hearst's "radicals."

Mr. Belmont and Mr. Ryan want to see the Democratic party re-elected. They will oppose such drastic anti-corruption legislation as is favored by Mr. Hearst. They do not want too much anti-trust, and anti-railway legislation. They are willing for the revision bill to run too deeply. They are unalterably opposed to any legislation affecting the present standard of value. They are perfectly willing to see enacted legislation looking to honorable withdrawal from the Philippines.

While, in most respects, this is the position of the majority of the Republicans of the country, it is undoubtedly the position of a goodly number of Democrats. Whether the party two years hence will be the policy of the party two years hence will be disclosed by the national convention of the summer of 1908.

It is already clear that it is not a policy to discontinue service, landings for one hundred and fifty miles above Mobile being under water. In addition, no fuel is to be had in the inundated district.

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THE FALLEN PROPHET!

## L. M. WILLIAMS WROTE TO TILLMAN

### Sent Editorial from News Leader. Expressed Individual Opinion Regarding Railroad Rates.

### DENIAL FROM PRES. STEVENS

### Declares Chesapeake and Ohio Has Not Discriminated Against Richmond.

Great interest was aroused here yesterday by a telegram in one of the afternoon papers, stating that the editorial in the News Leader, dated April 1, 1906, in which L. M. Williams, of the firm of John L. Williams and Sons, had been brought to the attention of Senator Tillman, was a matter of common knowledge that Williams and Sons.

Following is the special which gave Richmond her first intimation that Richmond's railway situation was at present figuring in important manner in National affairs:

WASHINGTON, April 2.—When the Senate convened to-day, Mr. Hale reported the urgent deficiency bill and gave notice that he would call it up to-morrow. Mr. Tillman presented another of the series of complaints against railroads. This one was from John L. Williams and Sons, bankers, Richmond, Va., and alleged that discriminations are practiced by the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western roads against Richmond and other Eastern Virginia points in favor of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

In their letter forwarding the complaint, Messrs. Williams and Sons said that it is a matter of common knowledge that the President, Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, and President Johnson, of the Norfolk and Western railroads, receive instructions from the president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company or from directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who are also directors of the other two roads.

**Firm Didn't Send It.**

A member of the firm of John L. Williams and Sons said last night, in response to inquiry:

"The firm has addressed no letter to Senator Tillman; that Mr. L. M. Williams forwarded an editorial, which appeared in an evening paper here, with his personal comments upon it."

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## NO POLITICS, SAID HON. DAVID B. HILL

### Smiled Mysteriously and Remained Dumb When Questioned on Public Issues.

### FRIEND OF FITZHUGH LEE

### Tells of His Last Visit and of a Bronze Statue He Admired.

Ex-Governor and ex-United States Senator David Bennett Hill, of New York, spent Sunday and yesterday in Richmond at the Jefferson Hotel, breaking his trip from Camden, S. C., where he has been resting for the past two months, to his home near Albany, New York.

Mr. Hill, prominent as a statesman, public speaker and lawyer, fills a large space in the public eye, and it is conceded that no more astute political figure exists in public life.

Not since 1900, when he spoke to a vast crowd at the Academy upon the political situation, has Mr. Hill visited this city, but he was here yesterday, accompanied by Governor and Mrs. Swanson and his private secretary, Mr. P. J. Myer.

**Just a Private Citizen.**

At the Jefferson Hotel last night, Mr. Hill received a Times-Dispatch man with the warning announcement that he was a private citizen, and not interested in politics at this time.

"I am in Richmond to rest and not to discuss politics," said the ex-governor, so we will not discuss public questions. I am interested in the South and its future. It is making great strides, and I have observed the increasing prosperity of every section which I have visited.

"My visit to Richmond is purely personal; to see a few old friends, to recall old memories and above all to admire the beautiful old colonial houses which are here. I think, then, that I know, as Governor Swanson said, that I have visited the Mansion to-night, a quaint old house, which I first visited in 1871, when I came to Richmond with a party of newspaper men, and we were entertained by Governor Walker. I was in the New York General Assembly when I was with I had known in New York. This city has

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## BULLET IN HEAD; ENDS HIS LIFE

### Mr. William Paul, Recently Married, Commits Suicide at Father's Home.

### HE HAD NERVOUS TROUBLE

### Dr. Levy Had Been Treating Him for Break-Down of Nervous System.

The announcement of Mr. Paul's death will come as a great surprise, both to the people of Richmond and Manchester, where he was engaged in the tea business with his brother, Mr. George E. Paul. In both of the usually remote friends, all of whom regarded him with respect and esteem for his honesty and uprightness of character.

The circumstances of the suicide are peculiarly sad. Supper had been eaten, and as the family were chatting around the table, Mr. Paul suddenly remarked that he wanted to get up early in the morning, and gave special directions to his mother to wake him.

**In Excellent Spirits.**

Later the family passed upstairs to the sitting-room. Mr. Paul with them, and several hours passed pleasantly and happily.

The family around him noticed nothing unusual in his behavior, and when at half-past ten o'clock he rose and said he was going to bed, they naturally were unobservant of any ill.

Probably a quarter of an hour passed, and the rest of the family made ready to retire. As is her custom, Miss Annie Paul, sister of the dead man, passed below into the dining-room to get a pitcher of water for use in the morning. To her surprise and grief she almost fell over the body of her brother lying dead, full length upon the floor. She screamed and the entire family responded, and as each realized the truth their grief overcame them and they could only moan out their sorrow.

Mr. T. P. Paul, also a brother of the dead man, said last night that his brother had undoubtedly killed himself, but that none of them had heard the pistol shot, due probably to the distance of the room from the dining hall. He said that all the family present in the house at that time were still up, and did not hear any report of the noise at all. If they had, they must have imputed it to the fall of something on the floor.

Dr. H. H. Levy was immediately tele-

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## A MAN IS BADLY HURT IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

### Mr. Stephenson Thrown From Buggy and Severely, Though Not Dangerously, Injured.

Mr. J. W. Stephenson, a paper hanger, whose residence is at 322 West Marshall Street, was seriously injured in a runaway accident on Broad between First and Second Streets yesterday at 2:30 P. M. His right arm was nearly torn off, and he received two scalp wounds, each about two inches long.

Mr. Stephenson was in a cart driving young horses when a front wheel and axle came whirling by that frightened the animal so that it went tearing down the street beyond the control of its driver. Two ladies were crossing the street a little further on and the horse struck them, and they were hurled to the ground. Mr. Stephenson made a desperate effort to turn the horse's course, and in so doing struck pole No. 17, between the street car tracks. He was thrown out on his head, and for several moments lay bleeding and unconscious before any of the horror-stricken people on the street had the courage to run over to him. The injured man was taken into the store of R. B. Brauer at 120 East Broad.

The ambulance with Dr. Witte in charge, responded promptly, and the still unconscious man was hurried to the City Hospital, besides the head wounds Mr. Stephenson was badly shaken up, but it is not thought that there are any internal injuries. He was removed last night to his home and is reported as resting easily.

## RETIRE QUIETLY OR FARE WORSE, SAYS ZION

### One-Time Followers of Dowie Threaten Suits and Exposure If He Makes Contest.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, April 2.—John Alexander Dowie, head of the "Christian Catholic Church in Zion," was to-day deposed as a religious leader, suspended from membership in the church he founded, shorn of his temporal possessions as far as they are located in Zion City, the home of his church, and warned to accept the situation quietly lest worse things befall him.

The following message was sent to Dowie from Zion City:

"Dowie, Ocatlan, Jalisco, Mexico: Telegram received here and Chicago. Practically all, including Cincinnati representatives, endorse Voliva's administration. Specifier's reinstatement and Granger's retention, emphatically protesting against your extravagance, hypocrisy, misrepresentation, and Granger's retention. Your statement of stupendously magnificent financial outlook is extremely foolish in view of thousands suffering through your shameful mismanagement. Zion and creditors will be protected at all costs."

The message was signed by W. G. Voliva, general overseer, and others.

## HOPING FOR BEST; OUTLOOK GLOOMY

### Conciliatory Spirit Not Likely to Obtain at Conference To-Day.

### ANTHRACITE MINERS IDLE YESTERDAY

### Mitchell Reaches New York and is Ready for Meeting—Operators Indignant and Miners Firm—Situation in Soft Coal Fields.

Although the greatest suspension of coal mining in the United States since the production of the fuel attained its present enormous total occurred Monday, the fear of a complete tie-up of the industry has passed, and the situation is expected to improve rapidly with each day.

Reports received to-night from the bituminous fields show that many of the leading coal companies have signed the 1903 scale, which gives nearly one hundred thousand men an advance of 5.55 cents over the wages of the last two years.

In the anthracite regions there was an almost total suspension of mining. No disorder of any consequence is reported.

### WILL CONFER IN NEW YORK TO-DAY

### Conciliatory Spirit Not Likely to Prevail at Anthracite Meeting.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, April 2.—The day of the second meeting of the committees representing the anthracite mine workers and their employers finds the situation, so far as the hard coal fields are concerned, unchanged from that disclosed in the communications that have passed between the two parties, and which have been made public. Both sides are hopeful. This feeling is based on the fact that each side has only played its first card, and that the real negotiations have not yet begun.

President Mitchell arrived here to-night from Indianapolis, accompanied by his secretary and Thomas Haggerty, of the Central Pennsylvania district miners' union, who is a member of the International Executive Board.

In low spirits and discouraged by a long-continued case of nervous breakdown, Mr. Williams Paul, better known among his friends as "Dicky," committed suicide last night about 10:30 o'clock at the home of his father, Mr. Herman Paul.

None of the district leaders would be quoted as the situation as shown by the first day's suspension, but they all admitted privately that the utmost harmony prevailed in the region, and that rumors that thousands of men would not obey the suspension order have proved groundless. They report that the only serious work full-handed is the People's Coal Company's Oxford plant, in the northern field, which is run almost exclusively by non-union men. The washeries that were in operation to-day employ, the district leaders say, only a small number of men.

**Operators Indignant.**

According to information obtained to-night, the program for to-morrow is tentatively outlined by the operators. It is to renew the counter-proposition made to the miners early in March, that is, the continuation for another term of three years of the award of the anthracite strike commission.

The operators, it is understood, will not make any extended argument, but will content themselves with calling attention to the reasons they set forth in their reply to the miners' representatives in conference. The operators are indignant over the action of the miners' union in forcing a suspension of operations.

The presidents of the anthracite coal-carrying roads to-day devoted considerable attention to the action of retail coal dealers in raising the price of coal to the consumers.

The operators some days ago warned the dealers that if they continue the practice their supply of coal will be cut off, and fuel will be given only to those dealers who rigidly maintain the regular prices.

## SUSPENSION IN ANTHRACITE REGION

### All Mines Idle Yesterday—Best of Feeling Reported From All Sections.

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., April 2.—There was a complete suspension of mining operations in the anthracite region to-day in accordance with the order issued last week by President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers of America, and the scale committee of that organization, with the strict exception of the Oxford colliery, a small independent operation near Berwyn, which employs about 500 hands with a daily output of about 1,200 tons. Every colliery was open as usual and in readiness for the workers, but there was no response to the blowing the whistles, other than the appearance of the ea-